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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1994-1995

REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS TENTH SPECIAL SESSION

Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters

United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

Request for subvention to the Institute resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research contained in document A/48/270

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In accordance with the provisions of paragraph 3 of article VII of the statute of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR), 1/ the recommendation by the Board of Trustees of the Institute for a subvention of $220,000 for 1994 from the regular budget of the United Nations is hereby transmitted to the General Assembly for approval.

2. The Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters, in its capacity as Board of Trustees of UNIDIR, adopted the 1994 draft programme of work and proposed budget estimates of the Institute. 2/ The Board noted that, in the proposed programme budget of the United Nations for the biennium 1994-1995 a provision of $440,000 was proposed as a grant, representing the United Nations subvention to UNIDIR for 1994-1995, and recommended a subvention of $220,000 from the regular budget of the United Nations for 1994. Notwithstanding the inclusion of the necessary provision in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995, a formal request for a subvention for 1994 of $220,000 is being submitted to the General Assembly in keeping with established procedure.

3. Should the General Assembly decide to approve the recommendation of the Board of Trustees of UNIDIR, no additional appropriation would be required under section 3B of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

4. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 44/201 B, section IV, entitled "Subvention from the regular budget to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research", the Secretary-General is requested, inter alia, "to report annually to the General Assembly on the situation of the Institute". In this connection, it should be noted that the financial situation of the Institute is as follows:

(a) Funds available at the beginning of 1993 amounted to $381,300, including the operating cash reserve of $106,300;

(b) Total income received in 1993 from voluntary contributions ($659,800), public donations ($58,700), interest ($15,000), miscellaneous sources ($30,000), including income from sales of UNIDIR publications, and the subvention from the United Nations regular budget ($220,000) is estimated at $983,500. This figure shows an increase of $159,700 over the estimates given in 1992, mainly as a result of an increase in voluntary contributions and contributions that were earmarked for 1994 ($79,000) but received in 1993. The details of 1993 and 1994 contributions are provided in annexes I and II to the present document;

(c) Total 1993 expenditure is estimated at $1,087,100, which includes a provision of $41,300 for programme support costs. The breakdown of 1993 revised estimated expenditure is provided in annex III to the present document;

(d) Funds available at the end of 1993 are estimated at $277,700.

5. It may be recalled that, in resolution 47/219, part III, paragraph 2, the General Assembly decided "... to keep under review the level of support costs charged to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research". In this connection it should be noted that, when the Trust Fund for UNIDIR was established in 1983 in response to resolution 37/99 K, it was subject to the standard rate of programme support charge, namely, 13 per cent. By the end of 1983, however, the Institute, faced with financial difficulties, sought the concurrence of the Controller of the United Nations to have the Trust Fund for UNIDIR exempted from programme support charges. In addition, the Chairman of the then Advisory Board on Disarmament Studies (which also acted as the Board of Trustees of UNIDIR) wrote to the Secretary-General requesting him to waive "the charges for certain administrative and other support services provided by the Secretary-General to UNIDIR and normally subject to reimbursement by the Institute".

6. After reviewing the financial situation, the Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Management, on behalf of the Secretary-General, agreed that, effective 1 January 1984, the rate of reimbursement by UNIDIR for programme support would be reduced to 5 per cent and that the cost of miscellaneous services which theretofore had been reimbursed by UNIDIR to the United Nations would be absorbed under the regular budget of the Organization. This arrangement is still in effect.

7. Based on actual 1992 workload statistics, the estimated cost of programme support to be provided in 1993 to UNIDIR by the United Nations Office at Geneva would amount to $178,100. In addition, based on 1992-1993 estimates, programme support at an estimated cost of $30,000 would be provided in 1993 from the budget of the Department of Political Affairs to the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters when it acted in 1993 as the Board of Trustees of the Institute. Thus the total cost of programme support to be provided by the United Nations to UNIDIR in 1993 is estimated at $208,100. A breakdown of the estimates is provided in annex IV to this document.

8. For 1993, the programme support cost to be paid by UNIDIR is estimated at $41,300, representing 5 per cent of an estimated expenditure level of $1,045,800, less $220,000 of United Nations subvention.

Notes

1/ General Assembly resolution 39/148 H, annex.

2/ A/48/270, annexes I and II.

Annex I

DETAILS OF UNIDIR 1993 REVISED INCOME
FROM VOLUNTARY SOURCES

	Contributors	Status	Amount $
A.	Governments		
1.	Contributions received ($259 200)		
	China	Received	10 000
	Greece	Received	7 000
	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Received	1 000
	Myanmar	Received	1 500
	New Zealand	Received	4 100
	Norway	Received	150 000
	Spain	Received	19 400
	Switzerland	Received	66 200
2.	Pledged contributions ($321 600)		
	Australia	Received	13 900
	Finland	Received	11 100
	France	Received	275 600
	Germany	Received	10 000
	Republic of Korea	Received	11 000
	Total A		580 800
B.	Public donations		
1.	Public donations received ($800)		
	Cooperative Security Competition Programme		800
2.	Pledged public donations ($57 900)		
	United States Institute of Peace (USIP)		15 000
	Volkswagen Stiftung		42 900
	Total B		58 700

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Annex II

DETAILS OF UNIDIR 1994 ESTIMATED INCOME
FROM VOLUNTARY SOURCES

	Contributors	Status	Amount in local currency	Amount $
A.	Contributions received ($79 000)			
	Brazil	Received		2 000
	Greece	Received		7 000
	Luxembourg	Received		2 000
	Norway	Received		50 000
	Spain	Received		18 000
	Total A			79 000
B.	Pledged contributions ($464 700)			
	Australia	Pledged	$A 20 000 a/	14 200
	France	Pledged		275 600
	Norway	Pledged		100 000
	Republic of Korea	Pledged		5 000
	Switzerland	Pledged	SwF 100 000 a/	69 900
	Total B			464 700

a/ Based on the monthly operational rate of exchange for the month of May 1993 (1.41 $A = 1 US$ and 1.43 SwF = 1 US$).

Annex III

ESTIMATES OF 1993 EXPENDITURES

Resource requirements	Initial estimates	Revised estimates
	(thousands of United States dollars)	
A. Direct programme and administrative costs		
Temporary assistance for meetings	-	16.0
Consultants' fees and travel	94.1	139.4
Ad hoc expert groups	50.0	45.0
Salaries and related staff costs	428.3	423.5
Personal service contracts	148.8	225.8
Fellowship programme (stipend)	30.0	60.6
Official travel of staff	29.5	48.0
Travel of fellows	8.0	8.5
Language training	-	1.0
External printing and binding	10.0	10.0
Rental and maintenance of equipment	3.5	12.5
Subscriptions and standing orders	-	1.0
Supplies and materials	4.3	6.5
Acquisition of office equipment	15.0	48.0
Total A	821.5	1 045.8
B. Programme support costs		
(5 per cent of total A less United Nations subvention)	30.1	41.3
Total estimated expenditure, A + B	851.6	1 087.1
C. Operating cash reserve		
(15 per cent of total A and B less United Nations subvention)	94.7	130.1
Grand total, A + B + C	946.3	1 217.2

Annex IV

ESTIMATED COST OF PROGRAMME SUPPORT
TO BE PROVIDED TO UNIDIR IN 1993

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A.	Programme support provided by the United Nations Office at Geneva	
	I. Apportioned cost	
	(i) Financial and personnel services	
	Payroll	1 800
	Payment vouchers	1 408
	Accounting and control	4 708
	Investments/accounts	2 223
	Personnel contracts	1 023
	Joint medical services	572
	Subtotal (i)	11 734
	(ii) Miscellaneous and general services	
	Travel documents	6 224
	Mail and pouch	17 187
	Procurement	4 590
	Supplies	687
	Transportation	1 219
	Telephone services	23 149
	Joint housing	178
	Electronic Services Section	2 330
	Security	14 581
	Subtotal (ii)	70 145
	II. Direct Cost	
	Rental of office space	96 279
	Total A	178 158
B.	Programme support provided by the Department of Political Affairs	30 000
	Grand total, A + B	208 158